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To: Ms. Renata B. Heese
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement (Support)

Dear Ms. Heese:

Accept the settlement and work to get Microsoft focused on it's business again. I support the recent settlement of the long-running antitrust lawsuit between the U.S. Department of Justice, state attorneys general and Microsoft Corporation.

Though I applaud the nine state attorneys general that decided to follow the federal government's lead and settle the case, I am thoroughly disappointed that remaining state attorneys general and the District of Columbia have decided to further pursue this baseless case.

The settlement is fair to all. It will allow Microsoft's competitors to use Microsoft's Windows operating system to incorporate their software programs and will give consumers more services and products to choose from.

Microsoft's actions did not harm consumers, but provided them with great benefits by lowering the cost and increasing the availability of software products.

Microsoft is a pioneer in the high-technology market and that their products increased our familiarity with the Internet.

Once again, I thank you for your decision to settle this unfortunate lawsuit against a successful and innovative company.

Respectfully,

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